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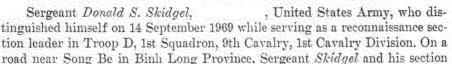






By direction of the President, under the Joint Resolution of Congress approved 12 July 1862 (amended by act of 3 March 1863, act of 9 July 1918 and act of 25 July 1963), the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded posthumously by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to:

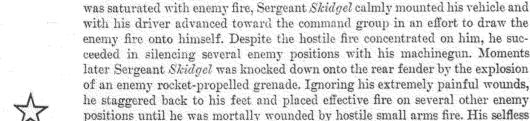


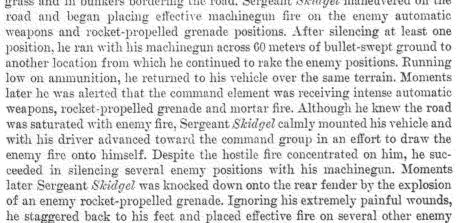




force when contact occurred with an estimated enemy battalion concealed in tall grass and in bunkers bordering the road, Sergeant Skidgel maneuvered off the

with other elements of his troop were acting as a convoy security and screening















actions enabled the command group to withdraw to better positions without casualties and inspired the rest of his fellow soldiers to gain fire superiority and defeat the enemy. Sergeant Skidgel's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the cost of his life were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit and the United States Army.





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